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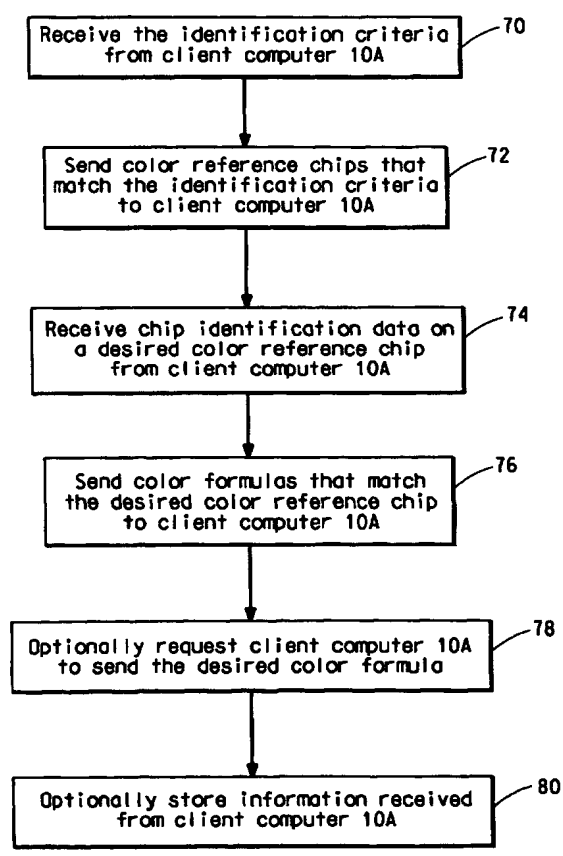
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(54) Title: COLOR SELECTION METHOD



(57) Abstract: The present invention is directed to a color selection method, which includes the steps of selecting colors in accordance with identification criteria supplied, for example, by a vehicle manufacturer; displaying the colors in the form of color reference chips on the screen of a display unit attached to a computer; selecting a desired color chip from the color reference chips on the screen; accessing and displaying color formulas; and then finally selecting a desired color formula that lists all the ingredients needed to prepare a coating composition, such as automotive refinish paint or architectural paint, from the color formulas displayed on the screen. The technician can then mix the ingredients, such as tints, in the proportions provided in the desired color formula to make the coating composition. If desired, the method further includes sending the desired color formula to a weighing scale or a tint dispenser attached to the computer so that the ingredients listed in the desired formula can be weighed or dispensed automatically.

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